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SUBJECT: ILO - ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. GOVERNING BODY HAS DECIDED THAT ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL BE HELD AT FEBRUARY-MARCH 1974 SESSION.

2. GOVERNING BODY FURTHER DECIDED THAT PENDING ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, THE MOST SENIOR MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORATE, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF DEPUTY DGS, ASSISTANT DGS AND THE LEGAL ADVISOR, WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE OFFICE. THIS ACTION SHOULD FORCE HAND OF DEPUTY DG ABBAS AMMAR (EGYPT), WHO HAS BEEN PLAYING A CURIOUS GAME OF ALLEGING UNWILLINGNESS TO ASSUME BURDEN DURING THIS TIME. WE THINK HE MAY BE TRYING TO EXTRACT A CONCESSION FROM GOVERNING BODY IN THE FORM OF A FORMAL APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR A LIMITED PERIOD, SUCH AS UNEXPIRED PORTION OF JENK'S TERM. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GOVERNING BODY DECISION WILL FORCE HIM EITHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE ITS DECISION, OR TO RESIGN AND LEAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NEXT SENIOR MAN WHO IS DEPUTY DG FRANCIS BLANCHARD (FRANCE).

3. THERE STILL ARE ONLY TWO FORMAL CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL: ALBERT TEVOEDJRE (DAHOMY) AND FRANCIS BLANCHARD. ONLY WORD WE HAVE ON PRESIDENT RAFAEL CALDERA OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VENEZUELA IS THAT THE WORKERS GROUP OF THE GOVERNING BODY WILL

NOT SUPPORT HIM.

4. GERARD VELDKAMP (NETHERLANDS) AND JOHN MAINWARING (CANADA)
ARE PRESENT BUT QUIET. BOTH APPEAR TO BE HOPING THAT THEY
MIGHT BENEFIT FROM AN IMPASSE THAT WOULD MAKE THEM TIE-BREAKERS,
BUT NEITHER IS ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING.BASSIN

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